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FDI IN RETAIL MARKET
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether multi-national and other corporate companies are entering into Indian retail market;

(b) if so, whether the Government has constituted a committee to make assessment of its likely ill-effects on the Indian retail market of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the composition of the committee and the qualifications of members in regard to the retail sector and by when the committee has been asked to submit its report;

(d) the names of the multi-national and corporate companies entering in Indian retail market alongwith the amount of investment made by these companies;

(e) whether the Government proposes to make any regulation regarding the marketing activities to be undertaken by these companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) : As per extant policy, FDI is not permitted in the retail trade sector, except for Single Brand Product retailing where FDI upto 51 % is allowed. Many domestic companies are entering the organised retail market.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) : Government has approved 9 proposals for FDI in Single Brand Product retailing. Details of these proposals are in the statement laid on the Table of the House.

(e)&(f) : Government has imposed suitable conditions while allowing FDI in retail of 'Single Brand' products.